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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6367

BILL NUMBER: HB 1060

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 16, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mobile Camps for Railroad Employees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lawson L

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes standards for a mobile camp provided by a railroad company for maintenance-of-way employees. It requires a railroad company to provide drinking water at assembly points where at least two maintenance of way employees meet.

It requires a county or city executive other than an executive in Marion County to adopt a health ordinance pertaining to the licensing procedure and regulation of a mobile camp. The bill also authorizes the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County to adopt and enforce an ordinance to license and regulate a mobile camp.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The fiscal impact of the provision requiring county or city executives to adopt a health ordinance regarding licensing mobile camps will depend on local action.

The bill defines a mobile camp as a temporary location where at least two maintenance of way railroad employees are housed. It requires a railroad company to request the local health department of the county in which a mobile camp is located to inspect the mobile camps. The bill also clarifies that mobile camps are subject to local health departments' current authority to inspect private property. The fiscal impact of this

provision is dependent on the number of inspections performed by a local health department, which would be based on the frequency that mobile camps are set up in a county. Local health departments should be able to implement this provision within their existing level of resources.

Background Information: According to the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, only one railroad company in Indiana utilizes mobile camps to house its maintenance of way employees. It is estimated there are at least 20 to 30 locations where mobile camps are set up across the state, and depending on the type of projects undertaken at the camp locations, maintenance of way employees may spend between one week to a year at a site. A group of maintenance of way employees that remains at a location for an average of one to six weeks will usually consist of 20 to 50 employees.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, cities, local health departments, Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation.

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